

N E W S R E L E A S E

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NOTE: Unless the U.S. Congress and the President take action, federal extensions of unemployment benefits will come to an abrupt end for an estimated 400,000 Californians next week, even if someone has a remaining balance on their extension claim. The EDD has sent out notices alerting affected claimants and providing guidance to other types of assistance. View our [news release](#) for further information.

California's unemployment rate decreases to 9.8 percent

SACRAMENTO – California's unemployment rate decreased to 9.8 percent in November, and nonfarm payroll jobs decreased by 3,800 during the month for a total gain of 564,100 jobs since the recovery began in February 2010, according to data released today by the California Employment Development Department (EDD) from two separate surveys.

The U.S. unemployment rate decreased in November to 7.7 percent.

In October, the state's unemployment rate was 10.1 percent, and in November 2011, the unemployment rate was 11.3 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,500 California households.

Nonfarm jobs in California totaled 14,406,400 in November, a decrease of 3,800 jobs over the month, according to a survey of businesses that is larger and less variable statistically. The survey of 42,000 California businesses measures jobs in the economy. The year-over-year change (November 2011 to November 2012) shows an increase of 268,600 jobs (up 1.9 percent).

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA

The federal survey of households, done with a smaller sample than the survey of employers, shows an increase in the number of employed people. It estimates the number of Californians holding jobs in November was 16,589,000, an increase of 78,000 from October, and up 223,000 from the employment total in November of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 1,805,000 – down by 43,000 over the month, and down by 285,000 compared with November of last year.

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PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT DETAIL (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

EDD's report on payroll employment (wage and salary jobs) in the nonfarm industries of California totaled 14,406,400 in November, a net loss of 3,800 jobs since the October survey. This followed a gain of 38,800 jobs (as revised) in October.

Five categories (construction; trade, transportation and utilities; information; financial activities; and leisure and hospitality) added jobs over the month, gaining 27,600 jobs. Trade, transportation and utilities posted the largest increase over the month, adding 12,900 jobs.

Five categories (manufacturing; professional and business services; educational and health services; other services; and government) reported job declines over the month, down 31,400 jobs. Educational and health services posted the largest decrease over the month, down 11,000 jobs. One category, mining and logging, was unchanged over the month.

In a year-over-year comparison (November 2011 to November 2012), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 268,600 jobs (up 1.9 percent).

Seven categories (construction; trade, transportation and utilities; information; financial activities; professional and business services; educational and health services; and leisure and hospitality) posted job gains over the year, adding 320,000 jobs. Professional and business services posted the largest gains on a numerical basis, adding 74,100 jobs (up 3.4 percent). Information posted the largest gains on a percentage basis, up 5.9 percent (adding 26,000 jobs).

Four categories (mining and logging; manufacturing; other services; and government) posted job declines over the year, down 51,400 jobs. Government posted the largest decline on both a numerical and percentage basis, down by 34,500 jobs (a 1.4 percent decrease).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 391,870 people receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits during the November survey week. This compares with 453,448 last month and 536,294 last year. At the same time, new claims for unemployment insurance were 39,879 in November 2012, compared with 55,543 in October and 74,082 in November of last year.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²

(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	November 2012 (prelim.)	October 2012 (revised)	November 2011	Change Over 12 Months (Percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	14,406.4	14,410.2	14,137.8	1.9
Mining and logging	28.2	28.7	28.5	-1.1
Construction	578.9	577.2	552.5	4.8
Manufacturing	1,231.3	1,240.2	1,243.7	-1.0
Trade, transportation and utilities	2,746.7	2,733.8	2,681.6	2.4
Information	463.8	456.5	437.8	5.9
Financial activities	783.5	781.1	764.3	2.5
Professional and business services	2,222.7	2,230.3	2,148.6	3.4
Educational and health services	1,901.0	1,912.0	1,854.7	2.5
Leisure and hospitality	1,607.7	1,604.4	1,544.8	4.1
Other services	482.9	485.7	487.1	-0.9
Government*	2,359.7	2,360.8	2,394.2	-1.4
Agriculture	386.5	384.8	388.0	-0.4

*Includes all civilian employees of federal, state, and local governments.

TABLE A
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²

	November 2012 (prelim.)	October 2012 (revised)	September 2012	November 2011
Civilian labor force ^a	18,394,000	18,360,000	18,333,000	18,456,000
Total civilian employment	16,589,000	16,511,000	16,456,000	16,366,000
Unemployment	1,805,000	1,848,000	1,877,000	2,090,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	9.8	10.1	10.2	11.3
US seasonally adjusted rate %	7.7	7.9	7.8	8.7

TABLE B
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA

	November 2012 (prelim.)	October 2012 (revised)	September 2012	November 2011
Civilian labor force ^a	18,439,000	18,443,000	18,374,000	18,430,000
Total civilian employment	16,668,000	16,640,000	16,599,000	16,415,000
Unemployment	1,772,000	1,802,000	1,775,000	2,014,000
Unadjusted rate %	9.6	9.8	9.7	10.9

^a Labor force by place of residence including workers involved in trade disputes.² Seasonal adjustment is a statistical method that removes typical employment patterns that occur at various times throughout the year (e.g., additional retail hiring during the holiday season)

MONTHLY LABOR FORCE DATA FOR COUNTIES
November 2012 (Preliminary); 2011 BENCHMARK
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE *
STATE TOTAL	18,439,400	16,667,800	1,771,600	9.6%
ALAMEDA	773,800	708,400	65,500	8.5%
ALPINE	430	370	50	12.4%
AMADOR	16,580	14,760	1,820	11.0%
BUTTE	101,800	90,500	11,300	11.1%
CALAVERAS	19,300	17,010	2,290	11.8%
COLUSA	11,790	9,650	2,140	18.2%
CONTRA COSTA	531,700	487,800	44,000	8.3%
DEL NORTE	11,440	9,970	1,470	12.9%
EL DORADO	89,900	81,600	8,400	9.3%
FRESNO	436,900	374,100	62,800	14.4%
GLENN	12,660	11,090	1,570	12.4%
HUMBOLDT	60,500	54,800	5,700	9.5%
IMPERIAL	77,300	56,700	20,600	26.6%
INYO	9,310	8,470	840	9.0%
KERN	381,600	334,100	47,400	12.4%
KINGS	62,200	53,500	8,600	13.9%
LAKE	24,770	21,180	3,590	14.5%
LASSEN	12,840	11,360	1,480	11.5%
LOS ANGELES	4,855,000	4,377,000	478,000	9.8%
MADERA	63,100	54,600	8,600	13.6%
MARIN	139,900	131,800	8,100	5.8%
MARIPOSA	9,160	8,220	940	10.3%
MENDOCINO	41,830	38,030	3,800	9.1%
MERCED	109,400	92,200	17,200	15.7%
MODOC	3,690	3,210	470	12.8%
MONO	8,220	7,380	850	10.3%
MONTEREY	226,100	203,900	22,200	9.8%
NAPA	75,400	69,700	5,600	7.5%
NEVADA	49,880	45,510	4,370	8.8%
ORANGE	1,622,700	1,509,000	113,700	7.0%
PLACER	174,000	158,700	15,300	8.8%
PLUMAS	9,250	8,000	1,250	13.5%
RIVERSIDE	942,200	833,800	108,400	11.5%
SACRAMENTO	670,700	603,800	67,000	10.0%
SAN BENITO	26,600	23,500	3,100	11.7%
SAN BERNARDINO	863,600	768,500	95,100	11.0%
SAN DIEGO	1,606,300	1,472,300	134,100	8.3%
SAN FRANCISCO	476,400	444,500	31,900	6.7%
SAN JOAQUIN	296,900	254,900	42,000	14.1%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	141,800	131,500	10,300	7.3%
SAN MATEO	392,800	368,200	24,500	6.2%
SANTA BARBARA	231,900	215,000	16,900	7.3%
SANTA CLARA	924,500	853,500	71,000	7.7%
SANTA CRUZ	156,400	141,500	14,900	9.5%
SHASTA	84,600	74,700	9,900	11.7%
SIERRA	1,720	1,530	190	11.0%
SISKIYOU	19,130	16,440	2,690	14.0%
SOLANO	217,300	197,000	20,300	9.3%
SONOMA	262,100	242,000	20,100	7.7%
STANISLAUS	232,800	199,200	33,600	14.5%
SUTTER	41,900	35,100	6,800	16.2%
TEHAMA	24,790	21,670	3,130	12.6%
TRINITY	4,750	4,080	670	14.0%
TULARE	207,400	177,300	30,100	14.5%
TUOLUMNE	25,670	22,950	2,720	10.6%
VENTURA	440,300	402,400	38,000	8.6%
YOLO	97,500	87,100	10,400	10.7%
YUBA	26,900	22,900	4,100	15.1%